

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions of the claims in this application with the claims listed below.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A safety seal system for maintaining high-alert medications sealed prior to use or administration, comprising:

a heat-shrink plastic cover adapted to be placed over an individual high-alert medication container, said heat-shrink plastic cover forming a seal having a warning statement and other distinguishing characteristics on said seal to differentiate said high-alert medication container to a person preparing said medication container at point of use or administration and to prevent said high alert medication container from being mistaken for a different medication container.

2. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 1 wherein said seal has a set of perforated lines to facilitate easy removal of said seal and to gain entry to said medicine container.

3. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 2 wherein said seal and said set of perforated lines are configured as a pull tab.

4. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 2 wherein said seal and said set of perforated lines are configured as a perforated tear strip.

5. (Original) The safety seal according to claim 1 wherein seal includes an integrated warning statement directed to point of use, high-alert medication preparations for any person preparing said medicine container for use.

6. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 5 wherein said warning statement includes visual cues and tactile awareness distinguishing said medicine container's high-alert medication from other medications.

7. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 1 wherein said medicine container is configured as a bottle shaped container.

8. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 1 wherein said medicine container is configured as a vial.

9. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 1 wherein said medicine container is configured as an intravenous bag.

10. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 1 wherein said medicine container is configured as a syringe.

11. (Previously amended) The safety seal system according to claim 7 wherein said seal is without a lip thereon and said seal covers a lip of the medicine container so that a user has tactile awareness of said seal being in place.

12. (Previously Amended) The safety seal system according to claim 3 wherein said pull tab cannot be tactilely identified as separate from the seal until the seal is removed thereby providing a user with tactile awareness of said seal being in place.

13. (Currently Amended) A safety seal method for maintaining high alert medications sealed prior to use or administration, the steps comprising:

placing a heat-shrink plastic cover over an individual high-alert medication container; applying heat to shrink the heat-shrink plastic cover to cover the medicine container, said heat-shrink plastic cover forming a seal; and

warning a person preparing said medication container to differentiate said high-alert medication container at point of use or administration from being mistaken from said high-alert medication container from a different medication container, by providing a said seal with a warning statement and other distinguishing characteristics on said seal to differentiate said high-alert medication container to a person preparing said medication container at point of use or administration and to prevent said high-alert medication container from being mistaken for a different medication container.

14. (Previously Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 13 further comprising facilitating easy removal of said seal by providing said seal with a set of perforated lines and thereby gaining entry to said medicine container.

15. (Previously amended) The safety seal method according to claim 13 further comprising configuring said seal and said set of perforated lines as a pull tab.

16. (Previously Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 13 further comprising configuring said seal and said set of perforated lines as a perforated tear strip.

17. (Previously Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 13 wherein said warning statement is integrated with said seal so that any person preparing said medicine container for use would read said warning statement when attempting to open said seal of said medicine container.

18. (Previously Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 13 wherein said warning statement includes visual cues and tactile awareness distinguishing said medicine container's high alert medication from other medications.

19. (Previously Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 15 further comprising configuring said medicine container is configured as a bottle shaped container.

20. (Previously Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 13 further comprising configuring said medicine container as a syringe.

21. (Previously Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 13 further comprising configuring said medicine container as a vial.

22. (Previously Amended) The safety seal system method according to claim 13 further comprising configuring said medicine container as an intravenous bag.

23. (Previously Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 18 further comprising providing tactile awareness of the seal being in place as the seal is without a lip and the seal covers a lip of the medicine container.

24. (Previously Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 19 further comprising providing tactile awareness of the seal being in place as the pull tab cannot be tactilely identified as separate from the seal until the seal is removed.

Please add the following claims:

25. (New) The safety seal system according to claim 1 further comprising said heat shrink plastic cover being configured to substantially cover the container including a portion of the closure of the container and a portion of the closure and having perforation lines configured for a complete removal of the entire heat –shrink plastic cover from the container closure.

26. (New) A safety seal system for maintaining high-alert medications sealed prior to use or administration, comprising:

a heat-shrink plastic cover adapted to be placed over an individual high-alert medication container, said heat-shrink plastic cover being tubular, transparent and forming a seal having a warning statement and other distinguishing characteristics on said seal to differentiate said high-alert medication container to a person preparing said medication container at point of use or administration and to prevent said high alert medication container from being mistaken for a different medication container, said heat shrink plastic cover being configured to substantially cover the container including a portion of the closure of the container and a portion of the closure and having a set of perforation lines configured for a complete removal of the entire heat –shrink plastic cover from the container closure.

27. (New) The safety seal system according to claim 1 wherein said warning statement and other distinguishing characteristics are placed onto said seal to differentiate said high-alert medication container to a person preparing said medication container at point of use or administration and to prevent said high alert medication container from being mistaken for a different medication container.

28. (New) The safety seal system according to claim 2 wherein said perforation lines are located on portions of said seal that require the visual attention of a preparer so that the preparer is forced to look at said warning statement and other distinguishing characteristics during removal of the seal by pulling said seal along said perforated lines and thus alerting the preparer to the high alert medication inside the container.

29. (New) The safety seal method according to claim 13 wherein said warning statement and other distinguishing characteristics are placed onto said seal to differentiate said high-alert medication container to a person preparing said medication container at point of use or administration and to prevent said high alert medication container from being mistaken for a different medication container.

30. (New) The safety seal method according to claim 14 wherein said perforation lines are located on portions of said seal that require the visual attention of a preparer so that the preparer is forced to look at said warning statement and other distinguishing characteristics during removal of the seal by pulling said seal along said perforated lines and thus alerting the preparer to the high alert medication inside the container.

31. (New) the method according to claim 13 further comprising the step of

configuring said heat shrink plastic cover to substantially cover the container including a portion of the closure of the container and a portion of the closure and having a set of perforation lines configured for a complete removal of the entire heat-shrink plastic cover from the container closure.

32. (New) A safety seal method for maintaining high alert medications sealed prior to use or administration, the steps comprising:

placing a heat-shrink plastic cover over an individual high-alert medication container; applying heat to shrink the heat-shrink plastic cover to cover the medicine container, said heat-shrink plastic cover being tubular, transparent and forming a seal;

warning a person preparing said medication container to differentiate said high-alert medication container at point of use or administration from being mistaken from said high-alert medication container from a different medication container, by providing said seal with a warning statement and other distinguishing characteristics on said seal to differentiate said high-alert medication container to a person preparing said medication container at point of use or administration and to prevent said high-alert medication container from being mistaken for a different medication container said heat-shrink plastic cover being tubular, transparent and forming a seal having a warning statement and other distinguishing characteristics on said seal to differentiate said high-alert medication container to a person preparing said medication container at point of use or administration and to prevent said high alert medication container from being mistaken for a different medication container; and

configuring said heat shrink plastic cover to substantially cover the container including a portion of the closure of the container and a portion of the closure and having a set of perforation lines configured for a complete removal of the entire heat-shrink plastic cover from the container closure.